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SUBJECT: YAMANI SPEAKING AT AP MEETING

REF: A) STATE 44132 B) JIDDA 1289

1. YAMANI IS STILL OUT OF TOWN. AMBASSADOR WILL
ASK HIM ABOUT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AS SOON AS HE
RETURNS - AROUND MARCH 8

2. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, INFORMATION IN REF B IS STILL
VALID. YAMANI WILL SPEAK TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
GROUP BUT NOT TO AP. YAMANI, OF COURSE, COULD HAVE
CHANGED HIS MIND. BUT IF AP HAS NOT HEARD DIRECTLY
FROM YAMANI OR FROM IBRAHIM OBAID, HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY,
THAT THE WILL COME, THEN IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED HE WILL.
I FEAR YAMANI'S "AIDE" MAY HAVE SAID THAT YAMANI "WOULD
LIKE TO COME," OR THAT "HE WILL COME IF HE CAN"; BUT
THESE ARE STANDARD ARAB EASY LET-DOWNS AND AP
SHOULDNOT HAVE JUMPED TO ANY OPTIMISTIC CON-
CLUSION.

3. AP SHOULD TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YAMANI
IN ALGIERS - THEY SURELY HAVE SOMEONE THERE FOR
THE OPEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND SHOULD ASK FOR
SOMETHING IN WRITING.

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4. IF HE HAS IN FACE ACCEPTED THE AP INVITATION,
AMBASSADOR, WHEN HE SEES YAMANI, WILL INSIST THAT
HE STILL HONOR THE PRIOR COMMITMENT TO THE CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE MONITOR.

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